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## District 27



### Minutes of the District 27 Spring Council and Conference Change of Watch March 17, 2018 – Cary, NC

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER D/27 SPRING 2018 COUNCIL**

The D/27 Spring Council was called to order at 1355 by District Commander Paula Stewart, AP. District Chaplain D/Lt Alec Wrenn, read the names of those members of D/27 who have crossed the bar since the 2017 Spring Council. He then gave the invocation. D/C Stewart asked P/D/C Robert Howd of Fort Macon Sail & Power Squadron, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and for all to remain standing for the singing of the National Anthem.

#### **2. Miscellaneous Housekeeping, Quorum and Change of the order of Business**

D/C Stewart announced that the Parliamentarian for the meeting will be David Simons, AP-IN, member of the D/27 Rules Committee. Members of District 27 were introduced to the Squadron commanders for 2018-2019.

#### **3. Introduction of P/D/Cs, National Officers and Guests**

P/D/C Ann Bailey, AP introduced the Past District Commanders, National Officers and guests. She announced that V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN, is the Chief Commander's representative.

D/Lt/C Dawn Gaskill, AP reported that there was a quorum present. D/C Stewart announced that if there no objections, the order of business would be changed to expedite the meeting. There were no objections.

#### **4. Council Voting Procedures and Eligibility**

David Simons, AP-IN, Chairman of the D/27 Rules Committee, explained who is a member of the Council and who is eligible to vote during the Council Meeting.

#### **6. Old/New Business**

There was no Old Business.

#### **New Business**

D/C Stewart then asked if there was any new business to come before the Council. D/Lt/C Greg Shay announced the request of the New River Sail and Power Squadron to

be dissolved. The request was put to a vote. The Motion was approved by the majority raising their voting cards.

D/C Stewart then asked Nominating Committee Chairman P/D/C Gene Alligood, to make his report.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers:

District Commander	D/C Greg D. Shay, JN-ACN
District Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Patricia W. Hakanson, SN
District Educational Officer	D/Lt/C D/Lt/C David E. Parsons, JN
District Administrative Officer	Cdr Hugh Floyd Hayes, JN
District Secretary	D/Lt/C Dawn A. Gaskill, AP
District Treasurer	D/Lt/C Harold Lynn Dail, SN
District Assist Educational Officer	P/C Thomas J. Graham, SN
District Assist Admin Officer	P/C Sarah W. McCurry, AP
District Assistant Secretary	D/1Lt Robert H. Bruner, AP
District Assistant Treasurer	D/1Lt Barbara J. Beers, S

and he so moved. No second is needed.

There was no discussion; D/C Stewart called for a vote, and the motion carried.

The Budget and Finance Committee report was posted on the website and a summary was made by P/C David Stewart, AP. A discussion was presented on raising the District dues to \$15.00, no vote as submitted to be reviewed by committee.

A motion was made to accept the budget as presented. Since this is a committee report, no formal second to the motion is needed. The report was approved.

## **7. Recess the Council and Convene the Conference**

D/C Stewart recessed the Council at 1419 and convened the Conference at 1419.

D/C Stewart asked if any delegates had not yet registered that they do so immediately. She also thanked all of the Squadron Commanders for their Reports and service.

## **CALL TO ORDER D/27 SPRING 2018 CONFERENCE**

The D/27 Spring Conference was called to order at 1419 by District Commander Paula Stewart, AP.

### **1. Miscellaneous Housekeeping, Quorum and Change in the order of Business**

D/C Stewart announced that the Parliamentarian for the meeting would be P/C Dave Simons, AP-IN Member of the District Rules Committee.

D/Lt//C Dawn Gaskill reported that a quorum was present for the Conference. D/C Paula Stewart then announced that, if there were no objections, the order of business would be changed to expedite the meeting. There were no objections.

## **2. Conference Voting Procedures and Eligibility**

P/C Dave Simons, Member of the Rules Committee, explained who is a member of the Conference and eligible to vote in the Conference Meeting.

## **3. Introduction of the Chief Commander's Representative**

P/D/C Dave Parson, JN introduced V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN, National Executive Department and welcomed her to the best District in USPS. V/C Page spoke a little about the changes for USPS, for example AMERICAS BOATING CLUB. She thanked and recognized District members who in Orlando helped out and encouraged her. She recognized District members who helped her in Orlando and congratulated all for a great year of volunteerism.

“United States Power Squadron is America's Boating Club”

Creating a clearer picture of USPS is planned thru new advertising opportunities and thru the new logos for the America's Boating Club. The new Chief Commander, Gary P. Cheney, SN is looking forward to developing more changes to get our message to the public by making it friendlier.

V/C Paige answered several questions and welcomed anyone to come talk to her or email her later. She is looking forward to the changes and to working with members of D/27.

P/C Stewart thanked P/D/C Parsons and V/C Page for the Town Hall meeting.

## **4. Bridge Officer Reports**

D/C Stewart stated that all bridge officers' reports have been electronically posted to the District website and in the February *Carolina BITTS* for viewing. She asked each of the bridge officers to give a one-minute summary of what has been posted, which was done.

Treasurer	Lynn Dail
Secretary	Dawn Gaskill
Admin	Pat Hakanson
Educational	David Osmolski
XO	Greg Shay
Commander	Paula Stewart (deferred until COW)

## **5. Committee Reports - Standing and General**

Committee reports were previously posted at the District website under the Calendar. Committee reports brought by the Chair are considered a motion. For posted Committee reports, generally no formal second to the motion is needed.

For the Audit Committee, D/Lt Sara Hayes, JN reported that the Statement of Income and Expense of District 27 of USPS for the period 1 April 2017 to 28 February 2018 has been reviewed, and there were no problems or modifications needed. A motion to accept the report made and approved.

Budget and Finance Committee report was posted on the website and a summary was made by D/Lt David Stewart, AP. Since this is a committee report, no formal second to the motion is needed. A motion to accept the report made and approved.

David Simons, Member of the District Rules Committee reported no requested action has come before the committee this past year. The report was approved.

P/D/C Ann Bailey, AP reported that District 27 had a 100% Educational Fund participation. Congratulated the commanders and their treasurers, and hopes to see the same next year.

D/C Stewart called on Planning Committee Chairman P/D/C David Parsons, JN. There was nothing to report as new.

Nominating Committee Chairman P/D/C Gene Alligood, AP reported that the D/27 Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the year 2018 – 2019:

Commander	D/Lt/C Greg Shay JN-ACN
District Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Patricia W. Hakanson, SN
District Educational Officer	P/D/C David E. Parsons, JN
District Administrative Officer	Cdr Hugh Floyd Hayes, JN
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Rules Committee, 3-year term	P/D/C Mike McCulley, JN
Audit Committee, 3-year term	P/C Lou Schwartz, AP
Nominating Committee Chair	P/D/C Paula Stewart AP

D/C Stewart asked Secretary Gaskill if she had received any other candidates for office by petition, and she responded that she had not. She then entertained a motion that the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of the candidates as presented by the Nominating Committee, which was done.

There was a discussion of the Nominating Committee votes, due to most squadrons names were not received. A motion was made to have the new commanders submit the names for election at the evening Change of Watch and the motion carried.

## **6. Upcoming District Meetings Approval**

D/C Stewart asked District Commander-elect, Greg Shay, JN, to announce the proposed District meetings scheduled for 2018-2019.

The District Rendezvous is scheduled for 8-9 June, 2018 in New Bern, NC

The Fall Conference is scheduled for 19-20 October, 2018 at Atlantic Beach, NC

District 27 Spring Council/Conference and COW  
22 – 23 March, 2019 in the Raleigh Area

The Winter Training Day will be held at the Resurrection Lutheran School in Cary on January 12, 2019. This is the one-day training day for all members with emphasis on Squadron Bridge Officers.

A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion to approve the District meetings schedule carried.

Also mentioned was the 2018 Governing Board is scheduled for 12 – 19 August 2018 in Minneapolis, MN

Annual Meeting is scheduled for 12 -23 February, 2019 in Orlando, FL

## **7. Old/New Business**

There was no old business.

One new item brought to the Conference having been approved by the council earlier in the day. D/Lt/C Greg Shay, JN repeated the request of the New River Sail and Power Squadron to be dissolved. The request was put to a vote. The motion was approved by the majority raising their voting cards.

## **8. Recess the D/27 Spring 2018 Conference**

D/C Stewart acknowledge the Charlotte Power Squadron for the hard work they did in hosting the Council and Conference this weekend. She then recessed the Spring Conference at 1635, and announced it would remain in recess and will be reconvened at the Change of Watch this evening.

## **CALL TO ORDER THE D/27 SPRING 2018 COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE**

At 1822, D/C Stewart announced that the District 27 Spring Council and Conference are now reconvened.

## **1. Introduction of the 2018-2019 Bridge**

D/C Stewart asked Officer of the Deck P/R/C James McCurry, AP to introduce the District 27 incoming bridge officers for 2018-2019.

## **2. Introduction of the Chief Commander's Representative and Head Table**

Officer of the Deck P/R/C James McCurry, AP, introduced the head table:

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN National Executive Officer  
P/R/C James McCurry, AP and Cdr Sarah McCurry, AP  
D/C Paula Stewart, AP and P/C David Stewart, AP

Officer of the Deck McCurry then introduced PDCs, national officers, and guests

## **3. Awards Luncheon and Post-dinner Awards**

Please refer to the file attachment "2017-2018 D27 National, District and Squadron Awards" that is a compendium of all awards received during the year. Many of these awards were presented at the D27 2018 Spring Council Conference.

## **4. Relieve the Bridge, elected Officers and Flag Lieutenants**

D/C Stewart thanked each individually and relieved each individually.

## **5. Over the Stern**

D/C Stewart delivered a review of the accomplishments of the District in 2016. She then called on V/C Mary Paige Abbott, for her remarks and to conduct the installation of the new Bridge.

## **6. Change of Watch**

V/C Mary Paige Abbott relieved D/C Stewart and conducted the Change of Watch.

## **7. Adjourn the Council and Conference**

At 2042, District Commander Paula Stewart, AP, adjourned the Council and Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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